

# COASTAL CLEANUP - SEPT. 19, 2009



This year the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Delaware Coastal Cleanup will be held 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 19. A rain date is Sept. 26. The Delaware Cleanup is part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup and a part of the world's largest annual clearing of trash from coastlines and lakes by volunteers.

A recent marine debris five-year report released by the Ocean Conservancy found that general-source marine debris - trash that comes from both ocean- and land-base activities - increased across the United States by more than five percent each year. (This report can be seen at [www.oceanconservancy.org](http://www.oceanconservancy.org).)

One purpose of recording the types and quantities of trash collected through the cleanup is to identify the source of debris and focus efforts on eliminating or reducing it. Volunteers record such information on data cards which are forwarded to the Center for Marine Conservation, which compiles the information for all national and international cleanups.

The success of the beach cleanups rely on a dedicated and diverse group of volunteers, from civic organizations and businesses to individuals and families. Last year nearly 2,000 volunteers participated in the cleanup and collected more than 12,000 pounds of trash from Delaware's shoreline and tributaries.

The cleanup spans the state's 97-mile eastern coastline and includes river and ocean shorelines as well as wetland and watershed areas. This year 45 sites in New Castle, Kent, and Sussex counties are targeted.

For more information about Delaware's Coastal Cleanup, call Joanna Wilson at (302) 739-9902, or register online at [www.dnrec.delaware.gov](http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov).

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### REGISTRATION (Deadline: Sept. 11, 2009)

Or register online at [www.dnrec.delaware.gov](http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov)

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Email:

Day Phone:

Alternate Phone:

The number of registrants:

T-shirt sizes: XXL\_\_\_\_\_ XL\_\_\_\_\_ L\_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_

Requested Site:

Alternate Site: